

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Subj: MINUTES OF THE RESEARCH BOARD MEETING

1. The Research Board Meeting commenced at 1509, 3 Sep 98, Ro-200B. Following is a list of attendees:

Dean Netzer	Code 09	<u>Absent:</u>	
Danielle Kuska	Code 91		
Prof Biblarz	AA	Prof Borges	MA
Prof Rowe	CS	Prof Shin	ME
Prof Tummala	EC	Prof Brown	OR
Prof Moran (rep. Prof Wirtz)	NS		
Prof Cleary	PH		
Prof Chang (rep. Prof Davidson)	MR		
Prof Thornton	OC		
Prof Eagle	GP		
Prof Eitelberg	SM		
Prof Ciavarelli	Faculty Council Rep		
Prof Emery	Guest		
Prof Halwachs	Guest		
Dave Norman	Guest		

2. Dean Netzer addressed the issue of “pirated” software at NPS. Board members commented that although caution is taken, it is very difficult to prevent it from happening. Prof Emery commented that NPS students, faculty and staff have to be aware that software available on the web and thought to be free, **may not be free** to NPS.
3. Prof Emery, Prof Halwachs and Dave Norman were then introduced to the board members to discuss the need for high-end computing and the VIZ Lab. Costs of current assets versus other capabilities were discussed. The real requirement for high performance computing is operational.
4. Dean Netzer addressed the criteria for establishing NPS Research Centers. The process needs work. Comments made from the members included: centers should be of value outside of NPS, Research Centers exist for the purpose of visibility by other agencies/activities-for productivity/funding, centers be reimbursably funded or supported by a specific sponsor.

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A memo is forthcoming to the existing Center Directors regarding renewal. Dean Netzer asked the members to submit arguments for renewing a center. Prof Eitelberg commented that the board needs to **define** the purpose for having Research Centers. A revised instruction on Research Centers will be distributed to the Board for comments.

5. The next items discussed were time limits on appointments and appropriate titles for Research faculty. Dean Netzer mentioned that the “Pink Book” is the governing instruction. The faculty handbook further defines the titles of the non-tenure-track research faculty. Prof Chang’s memo addresses concerns about the Research Assistant and Research Associate appointments. Some of the comments made were:

- Research Associates (Post Doc) should not be permanent; it is not good for NPS or the individual’s career, but current appointment may be too short
- Continuity is needed at the Research Assistant level.
- Term limits should be reconsidered; GS research staff is four years, faculty research assistant is five years
- Need to distinguish the difference between Research Associate versus Research Assistant.

Dean Netzer commented that there is no documented pay ceiling for Research Assistants; they are paid what the PI can afford. This results in research staff being hired under the faculty system rather than the more-restricted GS pay schedule. Dean Netzer cautioned that NPS needs to be cautious about circumventing the “GS” system.

A study that was compiled by the Adjunct Faculty Status Committee in 1992 will be distributed next week. The study addressed many of these issues but it was never adopted.

6. A ballot sheet for the Prioritization of the Recap Proposals will be distributed next week per Danielle.

7. Dean Netzer informed the board members that the NIFR Recap funding must be coordinated with the School’s Lab Plan. A copy of the School’s Lab Plan can be obtained from George Conner or Gian Duri.

8. Requests for FY98 DFR Final Reports will be distributed in the next few days. Consideration is also being given to using DD Form 1498 for future report requirements.

9. Research Board members will be contacted to coordinate the most appropriate day/time for future meetings.

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10. The meeting adjourned at 1643.

Respectfully submitted,

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